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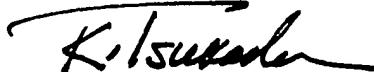
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We would enclose herewith the following document(s)/information.

Your reply: required by (our in-house due) for comments/ instructions
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Our Comments:

Regarding the above-identified patent application, we have received a Notification from the Japan Patent Office informing that the third party (anonymously) has offered information regarding the patentability of this application to the Examiner by submitting an Information Offer Form (submitted on August 20, 2008)*. In the Information Offer Form, the observations are presented concerning the patentability of the invention including a statement of the grounds on which they are based.

*)Under the Japan Patent Law, before a patent is granted, a third party can offer information regarding the patentability to an Examiner by submitting an Information Offer Form. The Information Offer Form can be submitted anonymously if necessary, or a dummy (a straw-man). Whether or not the offered information will be utilized in the examination is at the Examiner's discretion.

We are enclosing a copy of the Notification (dispatched on September 30, 2008) and the Information Offer Form (submitted on August 20, 2008), and a copy of Publication 1 as attached to the Information Offer Form.

Publication 1: Internaitoanl Publication No. WO 03/080680

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The observations state that the claimed invention is not patentable since it is anticipated by or obvious over Publication 1, which was submitted with the observations.

We will keep you apprised of any events as soon as they occurred.

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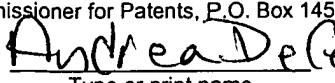
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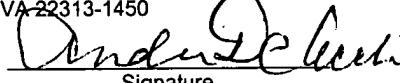
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.56, Applicants wish to call the Examiner's attention to the references cited on the attached form(s) PTO-1449.

All of the references cited are either U.S. Patents, U.S. Published applications or have a U.S. equivalent, therefore, copies are not being supplied.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a communication/document in a counterpart foreign application all other references mentioned in said communication/document have already been cited.

A letter for payment of fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p) is also enclosed.

The Examiner is requested to consider the foregoing information in relation to this application and indicate that each reference was considered by returning a copy of the initialed PTO 1449 form(s).

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